ANNUAL REPORT

Alberta

MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION

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MANDATE

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The Commission is to further the objectives of the Alberta Heritage Act, which are as follows:

1. To encourage respect for the cultural heritage of Alberta;
2. To promote tolerance and understanding of others through appreciation of the ethno-cultures that make up the cultural heritage of Alberta;
3. To recognize that the presence of ethno-cultural groups in Alberta provides Albertans with an opportunity to develop relationships with other countries;
4. To foster an environment in which volunteer groups and individuals can contribute to the cultural heritage of Alberta;
5. To enhance the cultural heritage of Alberta so that present and future Albertans can benefit from its richness and diversity;
6. To encourage sharing of the knowledge and traditions of ethnocultural groups;
7. To encourage the preservation, enhancement and development of artistic, historical and language resources by ethno-cultural groups in Alberta.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Steve Zarusky, M.L.A.

Honourable Doug Main
Minister of Culture and Multiculturalism
Government of Alberta

Dear Mr. Main:

It is with sincere pleasure that I submit the first Annual Report of the Alberta Multicultural Commission for the fiscal year 1988-89.

The Commission was established by an Act of the Legislature on April 1, 1988 to continue the work of the Alberta Cultural Heritage Foundation and the Cultural Heritage Division of Alberta Culture and Multiculturalism, whose members and staff were most helpful in the transition.

The first Chairman of the Commission was Mr. John Oldring MLA, who gave the Commission its initial energy and dynamism by launching a major dialogue on multicultural policy with Albertans—Interchange '88.

The establishment of the Commission marks a significant step forward in multiculturalism in Alberta. The Commission is future-oriented, sensitive to new developments in Alberta's multicultural mosaic, and committed to its role of building an active dialogue with all Albertans.

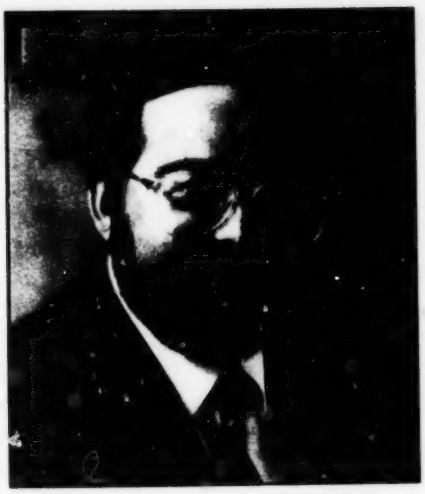
I speak on behalf of the Commission members when I say how much we appreciate this wonderful opportunity to serve the people of Alberta.

Yours Sincerely,

Steve Zarusky

Steve Zarusky, MLA
Chairman, Alberta Multicultural Commission

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Manual da Costa

It is with pleasure that I joined the Alberta Multicultural Commission in 1989. The staff of the former Cultural Heritage Division of Alberta Cultural and Multiculturalism, who are now the staff of the Commission, are to be congratulated on the wealth of knowledge and experience that they have brought to Commission activities during the past year.

In particular I would like to thank Mr. Terry Keyko, who was the Acting Assistant Deputy Minister prior to my appointment, for his leadership during the transition.

I look forward to building on past achievements so that Alberta and the Commission will continue to be in the forefront of multiculturalism development.

Manuel da Costa
Assistant Deputy Minister
and Executive Director

THE COMMISION

Steve Zarusky
Chairman

is the Member of the Legislative Assembly for Redwater-Andrew. He was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta in 1986 and re-elected in 1989. He is a member of various Caucus and Legislative Committees.

Mr. Zarusky farms in the Smoky Lake District. He is a member of the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village Advisory Board and the Victoria Settlement Advisory Board.

Mr. Zarusky took up his duties as Chairman of the Alberta Multicultural Commission in June 1989.

Angela Iliadis
Vice Chairman

is the Vice-Chairman of the Commission. Mrs. Iliadis operated a general law practice in Calgary. She was an active volunteer in the Greek community and served as legal counsel to various Hellenic ethno-cultural societies.

John S. O'Neill
Secretary

is the Deputy Minister of Alberta Culture and Multiculturalism. His previous government experience includes work in the Premier's office and the Department of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs.

Adolf Kulpe
Member

is a Medicine Hat businessman. He immigrated to Canada from Germany in 1954. He is past President of the German Canadian Harmony Club and a past member of the Canadian Consultative Council on Multiculturalism. For three years Mr. Kulpe was a director of the Alberta Cultural Heritage Foundation.

Laurent Lamoureux
Member

is the Manager of the Town of McLennan and a lifelong resident of the Smoky River district of northwestern Alberta. He is a past President of the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association and a past Director of the Local Government Administration Association of Alberta.

Orest Olineck
Member

is Chairman of the Provincial Co-ordinating Committee of the Alberta Cultural Heritage Council. A teacher and educational administrator by profession, Mr. Olineck is currently an education consultant with Alberta Education.

COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

To fulfil its mandate to assist the development of multiculturalism, the Commission undertook a financial assistance program. A total of 483 applications were approved and the Commission provided $1,520,505 in financial assistance in the following program areas.

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1. Under the Multicultural Retention Program, the Commission provided 138 Heritage Language Schools and 227 ethno-cultural organizations with $897,199 to develop their cultural heritage.
2. The Sharing and Understanding Program funded 25 communities for Heritage Day celebrations and 66 organizations for cultural sharing activities for a total of $306,106.
3. The Operational Assistance Program provided funds to five multicultural centres, six ethno-cultural umbrella organizations and 16 multicultural societies for a total of $274,250.
4. An additional $42,950 was provided to 14 organizations for other programs of merit.

As well as the financial assistance programs, the Commission sponsored a variety of heritage arts and language activities such as:

- the second annual summer school of folk dance instructors,
- Heritage Language Development Awards,
- Heritage Language Workshops for teachers and,
- a special "Heritage Day" supplement.

The Commission also carried out two major programs — "Interchange '88" and established new programs through the Alberta Institute for Multicultural Resource Development — which are discussed in detail further in this report.

INTERCHANGE '88

To encourage the interchange of ideas on multiculturalism, the Commission organized a major province-wide tour in the fall of 1988. Called "Interchange '88", the tour convened in 14 centres from Grande Prairie and Fort McMurray in the north to Pincher Creek and Lethbridge in the south.

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By the tour's end the Commission had received 161 written briefs and had heard 246 oral presentations from a total of 354 individuals who expressed opinions and recommendations on multicultural development in Alberta.

Based on the information provided during these community meetings, the Commission began work on a report that would set policies and develop programs and services for multicultural development in the 1990s.

The report will be based on the precedents established by the Alberta Government since 1971, the informed views of the community and the objectives of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and Alberta Human Rights Legislation. The report is expected to be ready in the fall of 1989.

ALBERTA INSTITUTE OF MULTICULTURAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

The Alberta Institute of Multicultural Resource Development is the first of its kind in Canada. Based in Calgary, the Institute helps increase multicultural understanding through:

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1. Consultation and comprehensive training programs to the private and public sectors;
2. The provision of a resource centre for use by trainers and clients;
3. The recruiting and training of Multicultural Resource Development (MRD) Specialists.

In 1988-89 the Institute held three introductory programs called "Culture Makes a Difference". It hosted three speakers in its Distinguished Speakers Series and held three Avalon training programs for government managers. It also put on the nationally-attended second annual Summer School for MRD practitioners and commissioned a number of research studies.

ALBERTA MULTICULTURAL FUND

March 31, 1989

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Minister of Culture and Multiculturalism

I have examined the balance sheet of the Alberta Multicultural Fund as at March 31, 1989 and the statement of revenue, expenditure and operating surplus for the year then ended. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Fund as at March 31, 1989 and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Donald D. Salmon

FCA
Auditor General

Edmonton, Alberta
July 11, 1989

ALBERTA MULTICULTURAL FUND
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT MARCH 31, 1989

ASSETS	
Current:	
Cash (Note 3)	$ 2,726,455
Interest receivable	68,085
Accounts receivable	1,081
	2,795,621
LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	
Current:	
Accounts payable	$ 21,070
Grants payable	40,075
	61,145
Surplus:	
Reserve (Note 5)	1,000,000
Operating surplus	1,734,476
	2,734,476
	$ 2,795,621

The accompanying notes are part of these financial statements.

ALBERTA MULTICULTURAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURE AND OPERATING SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1989

REVENUE	
Contributions from Western Canada Lottery Corporation	$ 2,475,000
Interest	220,572
Fees	18,775
Other	2,961
	2,717,308
EXPENDITURE	
Grants:	
Multicultural Retention	897,199
Multicultural Sharing and Understanding	306,106
Umbrella/Multicultural Organizations	274,250
Special projects	42,950
	1,520,505
Administration:	
Professional and technical services	252,341
Alberta People Kits written off	29,250
Printing	9,262
Advertising	4,683
Materials and supplies	4,514
Travel	4,250
Freight and postage	2,583
Rentals	2,186
Hosting	1,138
Miscellaneous	1,345
	311,552
	1,832,057
Excess of revenue over expenditure for the year	885,251
Operating surplus transferred from the Alberta Cultural Heritage Foundation (Note 5)	849,225
Operating surplus at end of year	$ 1,734,476

ALBERTA MULTICULTURAL FUND
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
MARCH 31, 1989

Note 1

Authority

The Alberta Multicultural Fund operates under the authority of Section 13 of the Alberta Cultural Heritage Act, Statutes of Alberta 1984, as amended.

Note 2

Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices

(a) Recovery of Grants

The recovery of grants made in prior years is recorded as a reduction of grant expenditures in the year the recovery is received by the Fund.

(b) Changes in Financial Position

A statement of changes in financial position is not provided as disclosure in these financial statements is considered to be adequate.

Note 3

Cash

Cash consists of deposits in the Consolidated Cash Investment Trust Fund of the Province of Alberta. Interest is earned on the daily cash balance at the average rate of interest in the Fund.

Note 4

Administration Expenses

Salaries, accommodation and other overhead costs incurred in the administration of the Fund have been borne by the General Revenue Fund and are not reflected in these financial statements.

Note 5

Surplus Transferred from the Alberta Cultural Heritage Foundation

All the assets and liabilities except fixed assets of the Alberta Cultural Heritage Foundation were transferred to the Alberta Multicultural Fund on April 1, 1988, as follows:

Operating surplus of The Alberta Cultural Heritage Foundation as at March 31, 1988		$ 839,621
Add:	Recovery of grants paid by the Foundation	56,904
	Recovery of wind-up costs	2,342
		898,867
Deduct:	Fixed assets not transferred	49,642
Operating surplus transferred to the Fund		849,225
Reserve transferred to the Fund		1,000,000
		$ 1,849,225

The reserve was established for the purpose of retaining an ongoing funding capability.

Note 6

Commitments

At March 31, 1989, the Fund had commitments totalling $26,190 in respect of grants approved but not disbursed where certain conditions were still to be met by the applicants.

Note 7

Approval of Financial Statements

These financial statements have been approved by management.

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